

CARE Principles

The [C.A.R.E Principles](#) were designed by the Global Indigenous Data Alliance to advance the data sovereignty of Indigenous peoples.¹ The Water Histories and Futures (WHF) project follows the principles to benefit all participants (both Native and non-Native) in an effort to share stories respectfully and in ongoing, good relations with everyone involved.

Collective Benefit

- The stories in this project are publicly shared so participants, their posterity, and their communities may access and benefit from the recordings. The intended benefit of the archive is to amplify the desires of participants in public and scholarly discussions about water policy.

Authority to Control

- This project recognizes that participants should have the authority to control their data. In turn, this project ensures participants keep the copyright ownership of their stories under a Creative Commons [BY-NC-SA 4.0](#) International License. This means stories, including adaptations, cannot be used for commercial purposes and can only be shared if the original source is credited.

Responsibility

- This project is committed to ongoing, positive relationships with all participants. Participants will have the opportunity to listen and request edits to their story before it is posted publicly. The project considers consent to share stories on its archive as *ongoing*, so participants may request to have stories removed at any time.

Ethics

- The rights and wellbeing of project participants are a primary concern of this project at all points of the data lifecycle. Per Local Contexts, this project is [open to collaborate](#) with Indigenous nations to develop notices and processes for care or stewardship of stories now and at any point in the future.

¹ For more on the principles see: “Āramāt Recommendations on Data Sovereignty and Data Access Protocols (DSDAP) to Foster Indigenous Knowledge Sharing,” Arramat Project, <https://arramatproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/IDS-Plan-Edits.docx.pdf>; Lydia Jennings et al., “Applying the ‘CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance’ to Ecology and Biodiversity Research,” *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 7, no. 10 (2023): 1547–51, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41559-023-02161-2>.